

News Advisory

Monday, November 26, 2007 Contact: Rebecca L. Ward Ph: 801-538-6682 Cell: 801-647-5421

Utah Department of Health Stages Mock Influenza Event "Don't Get Bugged"

WHAT: The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) will highlight National Influenza

Vaccination Week by showing how rapidly the influenza virus can spread through unprotected individuals. Dr. David Sundwall, UDOH executive director, will start a "mock" influenza outbreak by distributing red dots to represent persons who have not been vaccinated. Gold stars will be distributed to represent those who are vaccinated. Employees will continue

the dramatization of an outbreak by passing dots along to others.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Dr. David Sundwall, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health

Lisa Wyman, MPH, Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health

WHERE: Utah Department of Health

288 North 1460 West Salt Lake City, Utah

Room #125

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPS:

Following the press conference, Dr. Sundwall and Lisa Wyman will be available for a brief interview opportunity. Dr. Sundwall will be available for a brief photo opportunity as he distributes dots to UDOH employees to dramatize how rapidly influenza is spread.

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